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***Remarks***

Reconsideration of remaining claims 1 and 3-8 is respectfully requested. Non-elected claims 9-70 have been cancelled from this application in order to expedite its prosecution.

In the Office action dated July 26, 2004 (application Paper No. 13), the Examiner objected to the Abstract and rejected the pending claims under 35 USC § 102(b). The Examiner's objection and rejection will be discussed below in the order appearing in the Office action.

***Specification Objection***

The Examiner objected to the Abstract in that it contained more than 150 words. In response, applicants have amended the Abstract, in the manner indicated above, to now contain less than 150 words. Applicants believe that this amended Abstract should now be in compliance with the requirements of MPEP § 608.01(b).

***35 USC § 102(b) Rejection – Claims 1-8***

The Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-8 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by an article entitled "*INDEX: A Platform for Determining how People Value the Quality of their Internet Access*" (hereinafter referred to as "Edell"). In particular, the Examiner cited Edell as teaching "a method of logging and using information related to communication activity in an integrated broadband communication system", thus anticipating the subject matter of the present invention.

In response, applicant asserts that Edell is limited to teaching an "indexing" system for collecting statistics regarding an individual's use of his/her Internet service, based on a selected quality of service (QoS) parameter. The collected statistics were intended to aid in understanding the various aspects of an individual's Internet activity, in terms of the types of files accessed, types of communications initiated and received, as well as the length of the interactions.

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In contrast, the present invention is directed to creating an "activity log" of "dialed numbers" (both incoming and outgoing) for a broadband communication subscriber, so that the subscriber will have immediate access to the call history for his line (as an improvement over today's limited access to the "last number dialed", for example). The information can also be used for billing purposes, for example, by allowing the subscriber to categorize certain calls as business calls versus personal calls.

None of these aspects of the present invention are disclosed or anticipated by the Internet-based statistical arrangement of Edell. There is no "log" created in Edell of "dialed numbers". Rather, Edell collects statistics such as the "amount of inbound and outbound traffic for the connection". Further, applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2, directed to creating a "new record" in the log for each new call event. There is no such indication of record-by-record logging of each "call" in Edell.

Based on the amendments to claim 1, as well as the above arguments, applicant asserts that Edell cannot be found to anticipate amended independent claim 1, or remaining claims 3-8 which depend therefrom. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider this rejection and find claims 1 and 3-8 to be in condition for allowance. If for some reason or other the Examiner does not agree that the case is ready to issue and that an interview or telephone conversation would further the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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